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1. FOLLOWING IS BIO-DATA FOR MRS. ANNE ARMSTRONG, COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT:

IN JANUARY OF 1973, MRS. ARMSTRONG WAS APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT NIXON AS COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT WITH CABINET RANK. SHE IS THE FIRST WOMAN TO HOLD THAT TITLE.

MRS. ARMSTRONG'S AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY INCLUDE YOUTH, WOMEN, THE SPANISH-SPEAKING, THE BICENTENNIAL, AND THE NEW FEDERALISM. SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE DOMESTIC COUNCIL, THE COST OF LIVING COUNCIL, THE COMMISSION ON THE ORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE CONDUCT OF FOREIGN POLICY, AND SERVES AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL PROPERTY COUNCIL WHICH INCLUDES THE LEGACY OF PARKS PROGRAM.

MRS. ARMSTRONG, A NATIVE OF NEW ORLEANS, HAS FOR THE PAST 22 YEARS RESIDED ON THE ARMSTRONG RANCH, ARMSTRONG, TEXAS, WITH HER HUSBAND TOBIN AND THEIR FIVE CHILDREN.

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SHE IS A GRADUATE OF FOXCROFT SCHOOL, MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA, WHERE SHE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT BODY AND

VALEDICTORIAN OF THE SENIOR CLASS. SHE RECEIVED HER B.A. FROM VASSAR COLLEGE AND WAS A MEMBER OF PHI BETA KAPPA.

MRS. ARMSTRONG IS A MEMBER OF THE DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON WOMEN IN THE SERVICES; THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, KENEDY COUNTY, TEXAS; AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, STRATFORD HALL (ROBERT E. LEE HOME).

SHE IS THE FOUNDER OF TOPS 'N TEXAS, AN ANNUAL STATE-WIDE AWARDS PROGRAM RECOGNIZING THREE WOMEN FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE.

MRS. ARMSTRONG HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND HAS SERVED AS STATE VICE-CHAIRMAN AND AS NATIONAL COMMITTEEWOMAN. IN JANUARY 1971, SHE BECAME THE FIRST WOMAN TO BE ELECTED TO THE ELEVATED POSITION OF CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE. IN AUGUST OF 1972 IN MIAMI BEACH, SHE BECAME THE FIRST WOMAN TO DELIVER A KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT A MAJOR NATIONAL POLITICAL CONVENTION AND WAS ALSO ELECTED SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION.

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